

Present—Senators Baker, Shelley, Swift, Tendick and Word—5.

Absent—Senators Avinger, Broughton, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Evans, Ford, Finlay, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Henry, King, Latimer, Pyle, Rawson, Randle, Ruby, Saylor, Sayers, Tracy and Mr. President—25.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Senator Swift, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

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SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 28, 1873.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Fisher.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Baker presented the petition of the citizens of Caldwell county, protesting against the passage of a hog law. Read and referred to the Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

On motion of Senator Shelley, Senator Henry was excused from attendance on the Senate for to-day.

On motion of Senator Swift, Senator Franks was excused from attendance on the Senate for to-day.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to organize the courts of justices of the peace and county courts, and define their jurisdiction and duties, approved May 13, 1870." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senator Ball introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the County Court of Erath county to issue interest-bearing bonds, and to levy a special tax to pay for said bonds with all interest due thereon." Read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Ball also introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Granberry, in Hood county, Texas." Read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Ball also introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the County Court of Parker county to levy and collect a special tax for the term of two years,



to repair the old jail or build a new one, and to repair the court house in the town of Weatherford, in said county." Read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Dillard introduced a joint resolution providing for the election of delegates to a Constitutional Convention, and fixing the time for the assemblage of the same." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

On motion of Senator Dohoney the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the consideration of House bill No. 235, "An act regulating elections."

Senator Dohoney in the chair.

The committee of the whole rose to receive a message from the House.

In Senate. President in the chair.

The following bills were received from the House, and laid on the President's table:

House bill No. 113, "An act concerning landlords and tenants."

House bill No. 91, "An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Code of Criminal Procedure for the State of Texas."

House bill No. 179, "An act to authorize the County Court of Falls county to levy and collect a special tax for the purpose therein expressed."

House bill No. 182, "An act to authorize the Police Court of Leon county to levy a special tax to build a jail, and for other improvements."

House bill No. 29, "An act to provide for the registration of voters."

House bill No. 157, "An act amendatory of and supplementary to an act to incorporate the city of Dallas, in Dallas county, approved April 20, 1871."

Senate bill No. 37, "An act to create the county of Rockwall."

House bill No. 235, "An act to incorporate the city of Denison."

House bill No. 183, "An act to prescribe the time of holding the District Court of Leon county, and to regulate proceedings therein."

House bill No. 120, "An act to amend the twenty-ninth section of an act entitled an act prescribing the times of holding the district courts in the several judicial districts in the State."



House bill No. 153, "An act relating to appeals to the Supreme Court from interlocutory judgments in the district courts."

House bill No. 282, "An act to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax in Gonzales county."

House bill No. 162, "An act to authorize the County Court of Comal county to levy a special tax."

House bill No. 281, "An act providing for a special tax in Wise county."

House bill No. 279, "An act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating or spirituous liquors within two miles of Birds Creek school house, in Bell county, Texas."

House bill No. 278, "An act to prohibit the sale of vinous and spirituous liquors within two miles of Midway, Madison county, Texas."

House bill No. 270, "An act validating certain land titles in Ellis county."

House bill No. 221, "An act to regulate the testimony of witnesses in cases of bribery."

The Senate again in committee of the whole.

Senator Dohoney in the chair.

The committee rose to receive a message from the House.

In the Senate. President in the chair.

The following bills were received from the House and laid on the President's table:

House bill No. 201, "An act to amend and consolidate the several acts incorporating the town of Gonzales."

House bill No. 104, "An act to amend section four of an act entitled an act to incorporate Paine Female Institute, approved August 6, 1856."

House bill No. 212 "An act to authorize Alexander Inglish to erect a toll bridge on Bois d'Arc Creek, in the county of Fannin."

House bill No. 164, "An act to prohibit the sale or otherwise disposing of intoxicating liquors within two miles of the Acton Masonic Institute, in Hood county."

House bill No. 126, "An act for the relief of A. S. Thurmond."

House bill No. 144, "An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a code of criminal procedure for the State of Texas, approved August 26, 1856."

House bill No. 121, "An act making appropriation to pay the mileage and per diem of Presidential electors."



House bill No. 160, "An act to incorporate the town of Greenville, in Hunt county."

House bill No. 146, "An act to amend an act to incorporate Austin College, approved November 22, 1849."

Senate bill No. 69, "An act to expedite the decision of criminal cases in the Supreme Court."

Senate bill No. 42, "An act conferring the right of suffrage upon such foreign born residents as may have heretofore declared, or may hereafter declare their intention to become citizens, before the clerks of the district courts of the several counties, in vacation."

Senate joint resolution No. 17, instructing and requesting our Congressional delegation to urge upon Congress the survey and construction of a ship canal across the peninsula of Florida."

The Senate again in committee of the whole.

On motion of Senator Broughton the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of Senator King, House bill No. 112, "An act entitled an act to amend an act prescribing the times of holding the district courts in the several judicial districts in the State, approved August 10, 1870, approved October 13, 1871," was taken up and read second time; rules suspended, read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Saylor, House bill No. 120, "An act to amend the twenty-ninth section of an act entitled an act prescribing the times of holding the district courts in the several judicial districts in the State," was taken up, read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Senator Word offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections of this Senate, through the chairman thereof, be and is hereby authorized to issue a commission to any officer authorized to take depositions, to take testimony to be used on the investigation of any matter or thing or contest that may now be pending before said committee, or that may hereafter be brought before said committee.

On motion of Senator Pyle, the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.